

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 is amended herein.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 2 are currently pending and under consideration.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1 AND 2 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(E) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY KONDO ET AL. (US 5,586,254)

On page 2 of the Advisory Action, the Examiner takes the broad interpretation and alleges that the patient terminals of Kondo include display screens which illuminate the room (see page 2 of the Advisory Action). Thus, the Examiner appears to believe that this feature is analogous to the claimed room illumination light installed on the patient terminals as recited in claim 1 of the present invention.

The Examiner also indicates that "[t]he hierarchical structure of the networked systems allow control commands, including display control commands, to be relayed from a center terminal to other patient terminals."

Kondo, however, does not disclose or suggest the features recited in claim 1 of the present invention because the "display screen" of Kondo is not "a room illumination light for illuminating a room in which the patient terminal is disposed" (see claim 1). Moreover, even though Kondo includes a display screen, Kondo fails to disclose or suggest a room illumination light for illuminating a room independently from the display screen like the present invention, which provides a room illumination light installed on the patient terminals for illuminating a room independently from the patient terminals. Therefore, Kondo does not disclose the features recited in claims 1 and 2 of the present invention.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims patentably distinguishes over the prior art, and therefore defines allowable subject matter. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection along with an indication of

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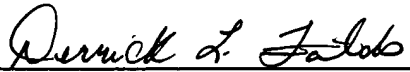
allowability of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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